Non-redressal of Public Grievances in SBI due to the Non-Appointment of New PRO

2073. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public grievances are not redressed promptly in the State Bank of India branches in New Delhi due to non-availability of full-time Public Relations Officer at State Bank of India, Head Office, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that after promotion of the previous PRO no full-time PRO has been appointed till date; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to appoint full-fledged PRO in SBI, Head Office, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Trade between India and Sri Lanka

2074. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had entered into some trade agreements with Sri Lanka during President Jayawardane's regime; if so, what are the details of the major areas in which trade agreements were made;

(b) what is the position of these agreements in the light of the recent development in Indo-Sri Lanka relations;

(c) what is the estimated loss in foreign trade due to strained relations with Sri Lanka and Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not possible to estimate losses, if any, in foreign trade between India and Nepal during the current year. In the case of Sri Lanka preliminary trade statistics show, that in 1988-89 the trade volume was Rs. 174 crores as against Rs. 113 crores in 1987-88.

Collection of Loans from NRI for Sardar Sarovar Projects

2075. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government or Sardar Sarovar Project authorities have approached Government for permitting them to collect loans from NRI; and

(b) whether the proposal for issuance of debenture for Sardar Sarovar Project is pending before the Department; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Functioning of NTC Mills in West Bengal

2076. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTC (WBABO) Limited Calcutta has curtailed the expansion programme of spindlage in respect of Bangasri Cotton Mills, Arati Cotton Mills and Bengal Fine Spinning & Weaving Mill No. 2 which were to be undertaken during the Sixth Plan period on grounds of resource constraints;

(b) whether equipment in some mills had earlier been purchased and procured by the Corporation;

(c) whether the necessary civil construction jobs were done partly or fully for the purpose of expansion programmes;

(d) the details of investment made on account of purchase of equipment and civil construction jobs;